

Washington, DC – On Wednesday, the House of Representatives approved the emergency border security supplemental funding bill introduced by Harry Teague earlier in the week. HR 5875 would provide critical border security resources recently stripped out of the Supplemental Appropriations Act by the Senate. Teague introduced the bill to help keep drug violence in Mexico from spilling over in to the United States and to combat illegal trafficking activities across our border.

“A drug war is being waged along our border, threatening communities, families and our livelihood in border states. And while the violence only continues to escalate, Congress seems content to sit back and ignore the issue, Teague said in [a statement on the House floor prior to the bill's passage](#). “The safety of our communities, and our country, is too important to subject to partisan politics. The House has passed this legislation once and I urge my colleagues to stand up for our national security once more.”

The legislation mirrors funding originally passed by the House in the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010, before being eliminated from the legislation by the Senate. The package bolsters funding for border security efforts, including additional Border Patrol agents and other border enforcement officials, additional resources for local law enforcement agencies located near the border, new forward operating bases for the Border Patrol in New Mexico's Bootheel, and more law enforcement resources to fight drug smuggling and the spillover of drug violence into the U.S.

The surge includes:

- 1,200 additional Border Patrol agents deployed between the ports of entry along the Southwest Border.
- 500 additional officers at ports of entry along the Southwest Border and funding to maintain current Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer staffing levels.
- New tactical communications equipment and infrastructure on the Southwest Border, three permanent Border Patrol forward operating bases, and a surge of workforce integrity investigations designed to prevent corruption among CBP officers and agents.

- \$50 million for Operation Stonegarden grants to support local law enforcement activities on the border.
- Two additional CBP unmanned aircraft systems.
- \$30 million for Immigration and Customs Enforcement activities directed at reducing the threat of narcotics smuggling and associated violence.
- \$201 million for Justice Department programs, as requested.

The standalone bill now heads to the Senate for consideration. Please [click here](#) to view Harry Teague's floor speech in support of the legislation.

Harry Teague has consistently called for a robust, comprehensive strategy to address the violence along the border. In April, he called on the President to [send the National Guard to the border](#) to address the growing national security threat there and led 50 of his colleagues in [requesting supplemental funding](#) to step up border security, including funding for National Guard on the border. Congressman Teague has also called on President Barack Obama to [convene a White House Summit](#) with the aim of building a policy to address the border violence crisis, ensure that the violence does not spill over into the United States, and help America get back to work building our border economies.

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